



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

## **MARRIAGE EQUALITY RESOLUTION**

*Adopted by the Vestry of All Saints Church, Pasadena, California on May 22, 2008*

**WHEREAS**, our baptismal covenant commits us to “strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being;”

**WHEREAS**, Holy Scripture reveals that we are all created in God’s image and that God embraces all people as equally precious;

**WHEREAS**, the Vision Statement of All Saints Church, Pasadena, calls us to “embody the inclusive love of God in Christ” and our Foundational Values urge us to be “dispersed throughout this multicultural region for courageous and risk-filled work of peace and justice;”

**WHEREAS**, All Saints Church, Pasadena, currently blesses same-sex unions, but does not perform the rite of marriage for same-sex couples;

**WHEREAS**, on May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court issued its decision holding that marriage is a “basic civil right of personal autonomy and liberty” “to which all persons are entitled without regard to their sexual orientation;” and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the Supreme Court’s decision, on June 16, 2008, the State of California will begin to license and recognize same-sex marriages;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rector, Wardens and Vestry do declare that, as of June 16, 2008, All Saints Church, Pasadena will treat all couples presenting themselves for the rite of marriage equally.